

### REMARKS

Claims 1-28 were pending in the present application. Applicant has cancelled, without prejudice, claims 26-28. It is respectfully submitted that the present application is in condition for allowance.

#### Allowed Claims 1-25

Applicant gratefully acknowledges the indication by the Examiner that claims 1-25 are allowed.

#### Rejected Claims 26 and 27 and Objected to Claim 28

Claims 26 and 27 were rejected in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,643,336 B1 ("Hsieh"). Claim 28 was merely objected to.

Applicant does not necessarily agree or disagree with the Examiner's characterization of Hsieh or the Examiner's characterization of the subject matter as set forth in claims 26-28.

In order to place the present application in condition for allowance, Applicant has cancelled, without prejudice, claims 26-28. Applicant gratefully acknowledges the indication by the Examiner that claim 28 recited patentable subject matter.

Applicant respectfully reserves the right to pursue, without prejudice, the cancelled subject matter in a continuing application.

#### Conclusion

Applicant does not necessarily agree or disagree with the Examiner's characterization of the documents made of record, either alone or in combination, or the Examiner's characterization of recited claim elements. Furthermore, Applicant respectfully reserves the right to argue the characterization of the documents of record, either alone or in combination, or the characterization of the recited claim elements should that need arise in the future.

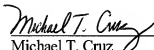
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In view of at least the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that the present application is in condition for allowance. Should anything remain in order to place the present application in condition for allowance, the Examiner is kindly invited to contact the undersigned at the below-listed telephone number.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees, to charge any fee deficiencies or to credit any overpayments to the deposit account of McAndrews, Held & Malloy, Account No. 13-0017.

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